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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5768

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By Senators Haugen, Oke, Loveland, Nelson, Owen, Cantu and Moyer

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1            AN ACT Relating to architectural and engineering inspection  
2 services at an emergency scene; and amending RCW 38.52.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.52.010 and 1986 c 266 s 23 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            As used in this chapter:

7            (1) "Emergency management" or "comprehensive emergency management"  
8 means the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency  
9 functions, other than functions for which the military forces are  
10 primarily responsible, to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and  
11 recover from emergencies and disasters, and to aid victims suffering  
12 from injury or damage, resulting from disasters caused by all hazards,  
13 whether natural or man-made, and to provide support for search and  
14 rescue operations for persons and property in distress. However,  
15 "emergency management" or "comprehensive emergency management" does not  
16 mean preparation for emergency evacuation or relocation of residents in  
17 anticipation of nuclear attack.

18            (2) "Local organization for emergency services or management" means  
19 an organization created in accordance with the provisions of this

1 chapter by state or local authority to perform local emergency  
2 management functions.

3 (3) "Political subdivision" means any county, city or town.

4 (4) "Emergency worker" means any person who is registered with a  
5 local emergency management organization or the department of community  
6 development and holds an identification card issued by the local  
7 emergency management director or the department of community  
8 development for the purpose of engaging in authorized emergency  
9 management activities, is an architect registered under chapter 18.08  
10 RCW or a professional engineer registered under chapter 18.43 RCW, or  
11 is an employee of the state of Washington or any political subdivision  
12 thereof who is called upon to perform emergency management activities.

13 (5) "Injury" as used in this chapter shall mean and include  
14 accidental injuries and/or occupational diseases arising out of  
15 emergency management activities.

16 (6) "Emergency or disaster" as used in this chapter shall mean an  
17 event or set of circumstances which: (a) Demands immediate action to  
18 preserve public health, protect life, protect public property, or to  
19 provide relief to any stricken community overtaken by such occurrences,  
20 or (b) reaches such a dimension or degree of destructiveness as to  
21 warrant the governor declaring a state of emergency pursuant to RCW  
22 43.06.010.

23 (7) "Search and rescue" means the acts of searching for, rescuing,  
24 or recovering by means of ground, marine, or air activity any person  
25 who becomes lost, injured, or is killed while outdoors or as a result  
26 of a natural or man-made disaster, including instances involving  
27 searches for downed aircraft when ground personnel are used. Nothing  
28 in this section shall affect appropriate activity by the department of  
29 transportation under chapter 47.68 RCW.

30 (8) "Executive head" and "executive heads" means the county  
31 executive in those charter counties with an elective office of county  
32 executive, however designated, and, in the case of other counties, the  
33 county legislative authority. In the case of cities and towns, it  
34 means the mayor.

35 (9) "Director" means the director of community development.

36 (10) "Local director" means the director of a local organization of  
37 emergency management or emergency services.

38 (11) "Department" means the department of community development.

1       (12) "Damage to property" includes, without limitation, any  
2 business interruption or other economic losses that may result from  
3 damage to, or the destruction or condemnation of, any real property.

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